

THE EDITOR

THE Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo bids fair to be a much greater enterprise than some of us had anticipated. The list of conventions which have already selected the Pan-American city as their convening place makes interesting reading. In a prospectus which we have recently seen giving an outline of the various attractions of the Exposition is a long list of these conventions, representing every kind of an organization ever heard or dreamed of. Following in the wake of the "Shirt-Waist and Laundry-Workers' International Association," "Hoo-Hoos' National Convention," and the "State Side-Path Commissioners' Convention," we find the "International Council of Nurses," directly followed by the "American Boiler-Manufacturers' Association" and the "State Synod of the Presbyterian Church" sandwiched in between the "Knights of the Golden Eagle" and the "New England Cotton-Manufacturers' Association." Judging from the congresses of the Chicago Exposition, the schedule for the intellectual, philanthropic, and educational congresses has not yet been completed, as, aside from the two already referred to, most of the others are conspicuous by their absence.

MISS LAMPE has given us quite a new idea in regard to the necessary cost of living in Europe. In no way can a tired worker get the complete mental and physical change and rest as in the trip, if only of a few weeks, across the ocean. Until recently the expense of the ocean voyage has been prohibitive to people of moderate means, but with the great increase in the cattle-trade with foreign countries, several lines of cattle-steamers have been built that carry a limited number of passengers. For anyone who is not pressed for time, these boats are unusually comfortable, as in order to prevent injury and discomfort to the cattle they are specially designed so as not to roll, and the two weeks' required for the voyage may easily prove the most delightful part of the trip. For thirty or forty dollars one can cross in these boats and be sure of comfortable accommodations. They are largely patronized by a cultivated class of people with limited means, who have learned how to get the most out of their travels. Miss Lampe, who is a "Bellevue" graduate,

offers to give in detail any further information for the benefit of nurses who may desire to act upon her suggestion. In a later issue we shall endeavor to give, especially for the benefit of our foreign friends who are planning to attend the "International Council of Nurses," a list of these steamers with their summer rates.

PERHAPS we, as a profession, look upon ourselves as business women more than anything else, but we doubt whether our business manager, if he were to give his honest opinion, would be willing to make that endorsement. Every month since the JOURNAL has come into existence the business office has been besieged with letters of complaint that the JOURNAL has not been received by scores of subscribers. In almost every instance investigation has proven that the address has been changed without notification having been sent to the publisher. Such a letter as the following is a fair sample:

"To the American Journal of Nursing.

"The December number has not been sent to me. Please see that I receive a copy of the December number, and that the JOURNAL be sent to me hereafter. My old address was 1100 South Avenue, now is 275 West Avenue."

Heretofore it has been the habit of the business manager to forward the missing number, thinking each month that matters would improve, but as this kind of carelessness continues, we shall be obliged to make it a hard and fast rule that unless notification of the change of address has been sent before the 20th of the preceding month, the missing number will not be replaced. Nurses who are so unfortunate as to lose copies of the magazine have our sympathy, but it seems to us that this need not happen so often if nurses would caution their landladies or the persons who have charge of their mail in regard to the care of such matter when they are at cases. Printed matter is not usually regarded as being of the same importance as a personal letter, but the loss of a magazine of which one wishes to keep a complete file is most aggravating.

THE department, "Official Reports of Societies," under the supervision of Miss Mary E. Thornton, which was established in the January number, is intended to contain official announcements and notices of every character pertaining to our organization work, and the reports of alumni and club meetings and of all matters of special official interest to graduate nurses. Such communications should be sent directly to Miss Thornton.



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